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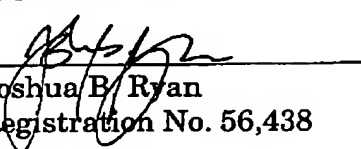
Sir:

This communication is submitted in connection with a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate extension fees in order to keep this application pending for the filing of a continuation application filed on July 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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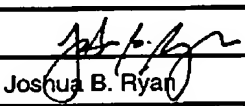
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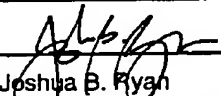
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| | Filing Date | December 23, 2003 |
| | First Named Inventor | Nygaard et al |
| | Art Unit | 3641 |
| | Examiner Name | Troy Chambers |
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| FY 2005 | | NPS-PT057 | |
| (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) | | | |
| Application Number 10/743,538 | | Filed December 23, 2003 | |
| For TRIGGER ASSEMBLY | | | |
| Art Unit 3641 | | Examiner Troy Chambers | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | Fee | Small Entity Fee | |
|--|--------|------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ _____ |
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 07/18/2006 TL0111 00000010 10743538

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. 01 FC:2253 510.00 OP

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 22-0493. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Joshua B. Ryan
Typed or printed name

July 17, 2006
Date

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2006

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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Examiner Name Troy Chambers

Art Unit 3641

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 22-0493 Deposit Account Name: Volpe and Koenig, P.C.

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| 50 | 25 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims.

360

180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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